

His Majesty's Gracious

## LETTER

TO THE

PRIVY-COUNCIL of SCOTLAND.

WILLIAM R.



RIGHT Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Right Trusty and Right well Beloved Cousins and Counsellors, Right Trusty and well Beloved Cousins and Counsellors, Right Trusty and well Beloved Counsellors, and Trusty and well Beloved Counsellors, We Greet your well. We have received yours, Dated the 8th. Instant, wherein you invite Us to be present the next Session of Parliament, in that Our Antient Kingdom, which We accept of very kindly from you, and assure you, that as it was Our Resolution when We come over to *Britain*, to Deliver these Nations from Popery and Arbitrary Power, that the Protestant Religion, the Laws, Rights and Liberties of the Subject might be secured; So when we were settled in the Royal Power, We endeavoured to perfect so good Intentions, doing all things that We thought conduceable thereto, and though Matters have not had the desired Success, yet We are not Discouraged, but with that firmness of Resolution that formerly, We undertook this Voyage into *Britain*, We are determined by God's Assistance, under whose Divine Protection We have cast Our Self, and all Our Concerns, to Prosecute these great Ends in Settling both Church and State upon the solid Basis of Law and Equity, as may be most acceptable to Our People, and Secure this and succeeding Generations, from the Fears of former Evils. And We conceiving that the Meeting Our Parliament in Person, might contribute most for accomplishing Our Designs, Ordered you to Adjourn the said Parliament, from the Eighth of *October* to the First of *March* successive; But many great and urgent Matters, which concern the Common good of the Protestant Interest, and the well of these Our Kingdoms, obliging Us to meet Our People of *England* in a Parliament here on the Twentieth day of *March*, necessitates Us to continue the Adjournment of the Parliament in that Our Antient Kingdom, for some longer time. Therefore We Require you to Issue forth a Proclamation in our Name, for continuing the Adjournment from the First of *March*, to the Eighteenth day thereof, betwixt and which time, We are hopeful to lay down such Measures, and to give such Instructions to Our Commissioner, till We can be present, as may give satisfaction to Our People; Resolving always to prefer their safety, to Our quiet and repose, esteeming the Ruling by Law, and in moderation, the greatest, as well as the surest of all Our Prerogatives; Expecting in the meantime you will take all care for getting Subsistence to the Forces, and doing all other things that you judge necessary for the good of the Country, and Our Service: For doing of which, this shall be your Warrant, And so we bid you heartily Farewel.

Given at Our Court at Kenfington, the Thirteenth day of February, 1690.  
And of Our Reign, the First Year.

By His Majesty's Command,

MELVILL

# PROCLAMATION

FOR

Adjourning the Parliament from the First day of *March* next, to the Eighteenth day of the said Month.

*Edinburgh, the Eighteenth day of February, 1690.*

**W**HEREAS his Majesty, by his Royal Letter of the Date at *Holland-house*, the Thirtieth of *November* last bypast, Authorized and Required the Lords of his Privy-Council, to issue forth a Proclamation in his Name, Continuing the Adjournment of this Current Parliament till the First day of *March* next: And that the Council have in obedience to His Majesty's Commands, and in His Name, and by virtue of His Royal Authority, Declared the same Parliament Current, and Continued the Adjournment thereof until the said First day of *March* next: And His Majesty having signified by his Letter, to the Lords of the Privy-Council, of the Date at *Kensington*, the Thirteenth day of *February*, One thousand six hundred and ninety years, that many great and urgent Matters, which concerned the good of the Protestant Interest, and the well of these Kingdoms, did necessitate his Majesty to continue the Adjournment of the Parliament in this Kingdom for some longer time; and hath thereby Authorized and Required the saids Lords, to issue forth a Proclamation in his Name, continuing the Adjournment until the Eighteenth day of the said Month of *March* next. Therefore the Lords of the Privy-Council, Do in his Majesty's Name, and by his special Command and Authority, Declare the said Parliament Current, and continues the Adjournment thereof until the said Eighteenth of *March* next: And Require and Command the Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heraults, Masters of Privy-Council, Purlevants, Messengers at Arms, Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, that incontinent these Presents seen, they pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head Burghs of this Kingdom, and there in his Majesty's Name and Authority foresaid, by open Proclamation, make Intimation of the Continuation of the said Adjournment, from the First day of *March* next, to the Eighteenth day of the said Month; Requiring hereby all the Members of Parliament to attend that Day, at Ten a clock in the Forenoon, in the usual way, and at the ordinary place, and upon the accustomed Certifications. For doing of all which, the saids Lords commit to them conjunctly and severally his Majesty's full Power, by these Presents, delivering the same by them, duely Execute and Indorsed again to the Bearer. Extracted by me,

GILB. ELIOT, *Clk. Sec. Council.*

GOD save King WILLIAM and Queen MARY.